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EDITOR DISCUSSES ABUNDANT LIFE FOR NORTH CHINA FARMERS -- Hong Kong Wen-hui Pao, 13 Jul 50

Peiping 12 July (Hsin-lua) -- An editorial in the Peiping Jen-min Jih-pao discusses the prospects of a high living standard for North China farmers under the CCP regime. The editorial maintains that the land-reform program as carried out in the area has already meant an improvement in the economic life of the peasants, but promises more for the future. It shrugs off the worry that plagues some farmers that a continued improvement in their economic position would result in their being involved in a class struggle to maintain it.

The editorial disposes of the hopes of those ne'er-do-wells who say they are waiting for socialization of agriculture and "the common pot" by saying that it will be a long time before that comes about. On the other hand, it points out that those who diligently improve the opportunities afforded to them under the new regime may hope to pass from the middle to the wealthy farmer class and emphasizes that the new land law protects the holding of the wealthy farmers.

The editorial suggests the following means by which North China farmers may come to enjoy the fuller abundance:

1. Proceed with confidence in the knowledge that the people's authorities will protect the property rights of the people and punish all who attempt to invade them.
2. Exploit to the fullest extent the principle of voluntary mutual aid among the farmers to overcome the difficulties of labor and work-animal shortages.
3. Promote use of improved agricultural machinery.
4. Make farmers realize that their success and economic advancement is a part of the economic advancement and improvement of the whole economic system of the country.

SHENSI TROOPS PLANT 562,000 MOU -- Hong Kong Wen-hui Pao, 11 Jul 50

Sian, 10 July -- Garrison troops of the CCF in Shensi Province have planted and practically completed the first hoeing and weeding of 562,000 mou of land. It is expected each mou will yield three tou (One tou equals 10.35 liters) of grain.

SINKIANG TROOPS COMPLETE 40 PERCENT OF PLANTING -- Hong Kong Wen-hui Pao, 11 Jul 50

10 Jul -- By 16 May CCF garrison troops in Sinkiang Province had broken and planted nearly 300,000 mou of land, about 41 percent over their original target. The men of these forces recognize that in doing this they are occupying an important place in the economic recovery of the fatherland.

SERIOUS DROUGHT IN EASTERN SHANTUNG -- Tsinan Ta-chung Jih-pao, 6 Jul 50

A serious shortage of rain during the summer season in several hsien of the Wen-teng Special District of Eastern Shantung has badly damaged such crops as soybeans, wheat, corn, and sweet potatoes. Under the leadership of the authorities, the people are taking active measures to combat a disaster by replanting and applying water by hand to ensure germination.

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SHANTUNG WOMEN CARRY BIG LOAD IN AGRICULTURE -- Tsinan Ta-chung Jih-pao. 8 Jul 50

Reports rendered at the recent conference of the Shantung Democratic Women's Federation indicated that 50 to 80 percent of the women in the older liberated areas are doing work in the fields, their principal activity being the hoeing of crops. Another activity in which their aid was strongly felt was in the gathering of fertilizer night soil and animal manures. In some areas this activity resulted in adding an extra cart of these fertilizers to each mou of land.

In Lai-wu Hsien alone, 50,000 women worked in the fields. In Kuang-jao Hsien, 14,000 women took part in the work-exchange program. Much credit is given to the efforts of women in conquering the results of flood and famine.

The conference felt, however, that more might be done in extending the program and getting all the women of the province into productive activity in agriculture.

CHEKIANG PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT DELAYS RENT REDUCTION -- Chekiang Jih-pao, 11 Jul 50

The Chekiang Provincial People's government has announced that, because of the government's preoccupation with flood and drought prevention and preparation for the land-reform activity, reduction and payment of rent on the early rice crop will be delayed until the completion of the autumn harvest. Thus the attention of the government will not be distracted from the greater immediate problems of handling controversies arising between landlords and tenants over rent reduction.

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